



FACT SHEET

AmeriCorps*NCCC

*AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is part of AmeriCorps, a network of national service programs that engage more than 50,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. AmeriCorps*NCCC is a full-time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. AmeriCorps*NCCC combines the best practices of civilian service with the best aspects of military service, including leadership and team building. Because members are trained in first aid and can be assigned to new duties on short notice, they are particularly well-suited to meeting emerging homeland security needs. In fiscal year 2001, more than 1,000 AmeriCorps*NCCC members served at five campuses across the country.*

Service Projects

AmeriCorps*NCCC members work in teams of 10 to 15 members. Priority is given to projects in public safety, public health, and disaster prevention and relief. Members have responded to every major disaster since 1994, including the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Members also preserve parks and streams, build homes, and tutor youth. Projects usually last from six to eight weeks. In approximately 70 percent of projects, teams live away from the campus in the community where they are serving. Project sponsors include nonprofits, park agencies, and faith-based groups. National partners include the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Campuses

AmeriCorps*NCCC members live on one of five AmeriCorps*NCCC campuses, located in Denver, Colo.; Charleston, S.C.; Sacramento, Calif.; Perry Point, Md.; and Washington, D.C. Three of these are located on closed military bases. Members receive training in CPR, first aid, leadership, team building, and citizenship.

Budget

The program's budget for fiscal year 2002 is \$25 million to support 1,220 members. Local sponsors share the costs associated with providing lodging and food for members serving on projects.

Eligibility and Benefits

AmeriCorps*NCCC is open to U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent residents ages 18 to 24. Members serve full time for 10 months. They receive an education award of \$4,725 to help pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back student loans. During their service, members receive lodging, meals, uniforms, health benefits, loan forbearance, and a living allowance of approximately \$4,000.

AmeriCorps Network

AmeriCorps also includes AmeriCorps*State and National, a network of 900 nonprofits, public agencies and faith-based groups meeting a variety of community needs, and AmeriCorps*VISTA, whose members expand the reach and effectiveness of organizations helping people out of poverty. AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, which also oversees Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America. Together, these programs engage more than 2 million Americans of all ages in service to their communities each year.

More Information

To learn more about AmeriCorps, visit www.americorps.org or call 800-942-2677 or TTY 800-833-3722.

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